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TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH BERKS DISTRICTS.

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Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for 1950. The incidence of infectious diseases was again at a low level, but "field research" into the cause and spread of such diseases, particularly of Infantile Paralysis, is taking place in your districts. I have assisted recently in the examination of drains and cesspits of houses and villages where cases of paralysis have recently occurred, for it appears that we must now regard the disease as falling into line with the enteric group where spread is concerned.

Most M.O'sH. in the County adopted this year a new book of Infectious Disease notification forms. One book is now used for all districts instead of one for each as before, with consequent saving of labour for doctors. These notifications now come firstly to the M.O.H. instead of to the Sanitary Inspectors so that, in the event of urgent action being necessary on the part of the M.O. he is the first to know of the occurrence of disease.

A great advance has been made this year in the control of Food Poisoning by the adoption of the Food and Hygiene Model Bye Laws by Local Authorities, and there has been a great drive on the part of all Sanitary Inspectors to see that Catering Establishments are actively co-operating.

I must again stress the importance of "Housing" in the work of a M.O.H. Ever since the famous researches of Lord Boyd-Orr, in which he showed the terribly significant correlation between Tuberculosis and over-crowding, it has been of the utmost importance for M.O'sH. to bring to the attention of Allocating Committees the paramount need for good and sufficient accommodation for any family where there is an "open case" of Tuberculosis. In the present grave shortage of hospital beds such cases must unfortunately often remain at home. I am glad to state that I have always secured the immediate co-operation of housing officers in such circumstances. A mass radiography unit visited Newbury for several weeks in March, working at Greenham House. About 6,000 schoolchildren and factory workers were X-rayed and most of the children tested with Tuberculin for susceptibility to Tuberculosis. Several cases of early active Tuberculosis, which might not otherwise have come to light, until dangerously late, were detected, and a considerable number of doubtful cases, and of other chest complaints were put down for further examination and supervision.

In one of the reports which I read at the South Berks Meetings, I drew attention to the extraordinary preponderance of notifications of pneumonia which come year after year from Pangbourne and Streatley and surrounding parishes; for example, in the last five years no less than 30 times the incidence in Newbury. The figures can have no morbidity significance whatever, and only show that some doctors tend to put pneumonia as a terminal cause of death more than do others, and further that the present method of notifying pneumonia is of little value.

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**1951—1952.**

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# SOUTH BERKS DISTRICTS.

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## AREA AND POPULATION.

The following table shows the area of each district, with estimated population at the middle of 1950.

District	Area in Acres (Land and Inland Water)	Estimated Population	Persons per Acre
Newbury Borough	2,612	17,910	6.7
Bradfield Rural	53,008	19,400	.38
Hungerford Rural	44,817	9,660	.2
Newbury Rural	41,660	14,620	.37
Totals	<b>142,097</b>	<b>61,590</b>	<b>.4</b>

## BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

The following table gives the Birth and Death Rate per 1,000 population and the Infant Mortality and Illegitimate births per 1,000 live births.

District		Birthrate per 1,000 of the estimated population at middle of 1950	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated population at middle of 1950	Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births
Newbury Borough	...	16	12.6	35.4
Bradfield Rural	...	17	10	10
Hungerford Rural	...	16.4	11.2	31.1
Newbury Rural	...	14.5	12	18.8
<b>United Districts</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>England and Wales</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>29.8</b>

In addition to the births accounted for above there were 12 still births.

## MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths from Puerperal Pyrexia or accidents of childbirth.

## DEATHS FROM ZYMIC DISEASE — Nil.

## PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following table gives the number of cases of infectious disease notified in each district during 1950.

Disease	Newbury Borough	Bradfield Rural	Hunger- ford Rural	Newbury Rural	Total Sth Berks United Districts	
Smallpox	...	—	—	—	—	
Diphtheria	...	—	—	—	—	
Scarlet Fever	...	16	11	24	7	58
Erysipelas	...	—	4	2	—	6
Enteric Fever (Includ- ing Paratyphoid)	...	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	2	—	1	—	3
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	—	2	2	6	10
Acute Polioencephalitis	—	—	2	—	1	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	—	—	—	1
Acute Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	...	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Primary Pneumonia	1	55	—	1	57	
Measles	...	54	23	23	27	127
Whooping Cough	...	22	22	4	4	52
Food Poisoning	...	11	1	2	10	24
Respiratory Tuberculosis	23	—	13	8	10	54
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	2	1	2	3	8	

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Number of children Immunised against Diphtheria.

District	1948		1949		1950	
	Under 5	5 to 15	Under 5	5 to 15	Under 5	5 to 15
Newbury Borough	203	18	131	2	193	9
Bradfield Rural	208	11	236	10	211	23
Hungerford Rural	117	3	131	1	82	1
Newbury Rural	180	6	152	1	134	3
Percentage Immunised at end of year	—	—	68	98	67	99

\* Percentages for previous years are not given as these applied to the former West Berks United Districts.

### **TUBERCULOSIS (New Cases).**

Year	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Totals
1945	65	20	85
1946	61	15	76
1947	75	21	96
1948	48	11	59
1949	79	7	86
1950	54	6	60

### **SCABIES.**

There have been no cases of Scabies.

The arrangements for treatment remain unchanged.

### **VENEREAL DISEASE.**

The following table gives time and places of treatment of Venereal Disease:—

#### **ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL, READING.**

Male: Wednesday, 2 p.m.; Saturday, 4 p.m.

Female: Wednesday, 4 p.m.; Thursday, 2 p.m.

#### **RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY, OXFORD.**

Male: Wednesday, 5.30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m.

Female: Monday, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.

#### **ISOLATION HOSPITAL, GORSE HILL, SWINDON:**

Male: Wednesday, 7 to 8.30 p.m.; Friday, 6 to 7.30 p.m.

Female: Monday, 5 to 6.30 p.m.; Friday, 2 to 3.30 p.m.

# BOROUGH OF NEWBURY.

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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

### WATER.

The periodical Analyst's report on the public water supply still showed satisfactory results. All water supplied in the district is chlorinated.

The two boreholes at Speen which were treated by hydrochloric acid to improve the supply during 1950, have now an ample supply of water, and there should be no need to make any restrictions on the use of water during 1951.

The number of properties connected to the water supply during the year:—

In the Borough: 84. In Rural Districts: 148.

### SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The re-construction of the Outfall Works has progressed during 1950, but work has been slowed down considerably by the exceptionally bad weather, some very difficult ground and added difficulties with labour problems.

The new 18in. rising main which was constructed in 1949, proved invaluable during this year, when the exceptionally heavy rain increased our flow to very considerable proportions.

A considerable length of sewers in the Borough were cleaned out, this work having been neglected during the war years, but certain lengths still require to be done.

### HOUSING.

New houses erected by the Corporation — 79.

Houses erected under licence by private enterprise — 13.

### SHOPS AND OFFICES.

The majority of the provisions of the 1934 and subsequent Acts were re-enacted in the Shops Act, 1950, which came into operation on the first day of October, 1950.

Sections 37—39, inclusive, of the 1950 Act set out the duties which are now placed specifically on this local authority, the latter being defined, in Section 73, as follows:—"as respects any municipal borough, the council of the borough". This variation, as compared with previous legislation, results in certain duties which were formerly within the purview of the County Council now being carried out by the councils of municipal boroughs.

In a number of instances additional welfare provisions were obtained and installed.

### SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL CANTEENS.

The new prefabricated canteen, to which reference was made in last year's report, was brought into use during the early part of the year. The effect of more suitable premises has been shown to be not only of use so far as workability is concerned but also in providing a lead to the children to become more "table minded".

This prefabricated canteen is of the type which is being erected through-

out the country and generally the arrangements made are extremely satisfactory.

At the main School Meals Centre conditions are not entirely satisfactory but it is understood that proposals for alteration and/or removal from these premises are under consideration by the Education Authority. It was from the effects of a meal prepared at this Centre that the only major outbreak of food poisoning was reported.

## MILK—RETAIL PURVEYORS.

### MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

Alterations and improvements to three premises used by retail purveyors of milk were carried out during the year. In addition, action was taken under paragraph 27 of the Regulations with respect to the delivery of milk to customers in other than closed containers. No action has been taken by the Ministry of Food to designate the area in accordance with the provisions of the Milk and Dairies Regulations and, in consequence, the milk now being retailed is still not prescribed.

## BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK RETAILED WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

The appended table gives the results of samples of milk examined bacteriologically during the year. Attention is drawn to the number of positive results obtained when milk was examined for tuberculosis. It will be noted that 36 samples of milk were taken and 32 results were obtained, and of the 32 a total of three positive results and one doubtful result were reported. One of these positive results was later found to be from a herd of Tuberculin Tested cattle, an interesting circumstance in view of generally held opinions that it is not necessary to take samples of milk from such herds as it is said that testing of the cattle renders sampling unnecessary. 36 samples of milk were taken but only 32 results were obtained, for in 4 instances the guinea pigs died before the completion of the test.

It will be noted that, generally speaking, the milk submitted for Phosphatase and Methylene Blue tests respectively came out satisfactorily.

### MILK SAMPLES.

Sample Procured for	Type of Milk	Total Samples taken	Satis.	Unsatis.	Remarks.
1. Examination for Tubercle Bacilli	Raw	36	28	3	1 Doubtful 4 Guinea Pigs died
2. Submission to Methylene Blue Test	T.T. Past.	13 29	11 27	2	—
3. Submission to Phosphatase Test	Past.	29	28	1	—

## MEAT INSPECTION.

1950 was a heavy year as the Ministry of Food closed one of the Slaughterhouses in Reading in order that it could be modernised without interference with slaughtering arrangements. The consequence was that a major portion of the animals normally slaughtered in Reading during the months of January to July, inclusive, were slaughtered at the Ministry of

Food slaughterhouse in Newbury, and in order to maintain the examination of 100 per cent. of the animals slaughtered heavy additional duties were entailed. That this percentage was maintained is a source of satisfaction, despite the fact that no assistance of any kind was forthcoming from Reading or from either of the two adjoining Authorities into whose districts a portion of the carcases of animals slaughtered at the Ministry of Food slaughterhouse is distributed.

The Ministry of Food continue to be responsible for the sale and disposal of the carcases.

#### OTHER FOODS.

The Byelaws relating to "Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food Sold or Intended for Sale for Human Consumption", adopted by the Authority, became operative in November, 1950. Steps have been taken to bring the contents of the Byelaws to the attention of the respective Trade Organisations and it is proposed to carry out additional publicity by means of films, talks and other methods so as to familiarise the traders and, if possible, their staffs with the ideas behind the Byelaws.

#### ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS.

The number of premises registered for retail sale and storage of ice-cream as required under Section 14, Food and Drugs Act, 1938, now total 65, an increase over the preceding year of 19, or 41.3 per cent. The appended table sets out the results of the bacteriological examination of 106 samples submitted for the purpose during the twelve months. The comparatively high percentage placed in Provisional Grade 4 is a matter for regret and is thought to be due to one of the three following circumstances:

- (1) Transport and handling, including the lack of adequate refrigerant during warm weather;
- (2) Conditions at the manufacturing end prior to receipt by the retailer; and
- (3) (This is not often found) Tampering with the setting of the conservator.

Another point of interest in this connection is that 12 manufacturers are supplying the 65 registered retailers and the products of that number of manufacturers are included in the 106 samples.

#### ICE-CREAM SAMPLES.

Provisional Grade.	No. of Samples.	Per cent.
I	64	60.3
II	18	17.1
III	12	11.3
IV	12	11.3

#### HOUSING ACT, 1936—SECTION II.

It will be recalled that in the last report it was stated that the Housing Committee of the Corporation had been requested to provide alternative accommodation for the occupants of 41 houses which the Public Health Committee considered were unfit for human habitation and incapable of being rendered so fit at a reasonable cost. At the end of 1950 a total of 14 houses had been vacated and the families, with 4 exceptions, were re-housed in houses belonging to the Corporation.

Additionally, one house was demolished as the result of a road widening scheme and, in respect of the basement flat at another house, the owner agreed not to relet the accommodation for human occupation.

## BOROUGH OF NEWBURY.

### Meat Inspection.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Totals
Number slaughtered	... 2454	1168	3183	6907	886	14598
Number Inspected	... 2454	1168	3183	6907	886	14598
<b>All Diseases except Tuberculosis:</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned	6	18	119	22	40	205
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	... 776	472	6	483	126	1863
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis	... 31.87	41.9	3.9	7.3	18.9	
<b>Tuberculosis only:</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned	10	29	6	—	12	57
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	... 220	250	—	—	29	499
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	... 9.37	23.9	0.19	—	4.62	

### WEIGHTS OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OFFAL.

Classification.			Tons.	Cwts.	Lbs.
(1) At Slaughterhouses	...	...	38	19	23
(2) On Retailer's premises:					
(a) Home Killed	...	...	2	14	90
(b) Imported	...	...		10	3
(3) Total Weight	...	...	42	4	4

### WEIGHTS OF CANNED AND OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

	lbs.		lbs.
Canned Food	... 1,602	Preserves	... 239
Fish	... 248	Bacon	... 274
Fruit	... 180	Cereals	... 115
Eggs (No.)	... 1,368	Cheese	... 14
Miscellaneous	... 570	Ice Cream	... 47

Total Weight condemned = 2 tons 1 cwt. 65 lbs.

## FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

### I.—INSPECTIONS.

Premises	Number on Register	Inspec- tions made	Number of written Notices	Prosecu- tions
1. Factories ... (including factory laundries)	106	43	0	0
2. Workshops ... (including workshop laundries)	123	270	0	0
3. Workplaces ...	0	0	0	0
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### II.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars.	Found	Remedied	No. of Defects	
			Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness ...	9	9	0	0
Overcrowding ... ...	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation ...	2	2	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors	1	1	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient ...	0	0	0	0
(b) Defective ...	3	1	0	3
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	0	0
Other offences ... ...	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals ...</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

## SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S WORK DURING THE YEAR 1950.

N.B.—Smoke abatement and action under the Housing Acts and Factory and Workshops Act should not be included in this table. (Bakehouses come under the Factory and Workshops Act).

No. of different premises visited	...	...	...	...	...	1,469
„ Inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	4,294
„ Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	124
„ Defects and Nuisances discovered	...	...	...	...	...	484
„ Notices served (Informal)	...	...	...	...	...	160
„ Notices served (Statutory)	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
<b>No. of Defects or Nuisances abated:</b>						
As to Privies, W.C's., Sink wastes, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	52
„ Drains and Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	48
„ Pigs or other animals	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ Cowsheds, Dairies and Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
„ Deficient or impure water	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ Unclean houses	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ Overcrowded houses	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Polluted ditches, streams, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
„ Insanitary accumulations or deposits	...	...	...	...	...	13
„ Other defects or nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	217
No. of Premises disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	13
„ Water samples taken for analysis	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ Wells closed	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Wells cleansed, repaired or deepened	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ New wells sunk	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
„ Houses connected with water mains	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Water certificates granted (rural district only)	...	...	...	...	...	-
* „ Seizures or surrenders of unsound or diseased food	...	...	...	...	...	202
„ Conservancy closets replaced by W.C's.	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
<b>Canal Boats:</b>						
No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. on register	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
<b>Common Lodging Houses:</b>						
No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. on register	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
<b>Milkshops: No. on register</b>	...	...	...	...	...	10
<b>Cowsheds and Dairy farms</b>	...	...	...	...	...	5
<b>Slaughterhouses: No. on register</b>	...	...	...	...	...	2
<b>Milkshops: No. of inspections</b>	...	...	...	...	...	175
<b>Slaughterhouses: No. of inspections</b>	...	...	...	...	...	913
<b>Piggeries: No. of inspections</b>	...	...	...	...	...	32

\* Not including condemnations at Slaughterhouses.

**PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.**

**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)  
DURING THE YEAR.**

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	16	1	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Acute Polioencephalitis	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia	1	—	—
Measles	54	—	—
Whooping Cough	22	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	—
Food Poisoning	11	—	—

**OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.**

Notified	Cases Treated at Home	Cases Treated in Hospital	Vision unim- paired	Vision im- paired	Total Blind- ness	Deaths
1	—	1	—	—	—	Nil

**TUBERCULOSIS.**

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Resp. M.	Resp. F.	Non-Resp. M.	Non-Resp. F.	Resp. M.	Resp. F.	Non-Resp. M.	Non-Resp. F.
0	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	20	2	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	25	3	3	—	1	—	—
25	—	35	4	3	—	1	1	—
35	—	45	2	—	—	—	1	—
45	—	55	3	3	—	—	—	—
55	—	65	—	—	—	1	—	—
65 & upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

**FOOD POISONING.**

Outbreaks	Number of Cases	Number of deaths	Organisms	Food Involved
1	1	nil	Sal. Typ. Mur.	Unknown
1	10	nil	Unknown	Mince

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Expectant mothers who attended Ante-natal and Post-natal clinics...	187
No. of children first attending Child Welfare Clinic:	
Under 1 year ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	331
Between 1 and 5 years ... ... ... ... ... ...	28
Visits paid by Health Visitors:	
To expectant mothers ... ... ... ... ... ...	Nil
To children under 1 year ... ... ... ... ...	1199
To children between 1 and 5 years ... ... ...	1847

Six women were sent by the Ante-natal Clinic to the Royal Berks Hospital.

Births in the Borough were 284, of which 3 were Stillbirths.

Particular care continued to be taken of premature infants ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and under) of which there were 15.

## HOME-HELP SERVICE.

Nurse Webber was appointed a Health Visitor on 1st July, 1949, and continued with the administration of the Home-Help Service in addition to her Health Visiting.

No. of Part-time Helps employed	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Cases Helped:—							
Maternity	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Old People	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Sickness	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Total number of hours worked by Home-Helps	...	...	...	...	...	...	5086

# **NEWBURY RURAL DISTRICT**

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## **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.**

### **WATER SUPPLIES.**

**GENERAL.** No abnormal shortage of water occurred in the District.

**MIDGHAM.** A survey of the parish of Midgham was made with a view to extending the Mid-Wessex main from the Midgham Green area to the Bath Road.

Negotiations are in progress between the Council and the Mid-Wessex Water Company to determine whether the estimated cost of this scheme can be reduced.

**WOOLHAMPTON.** A similar survey was carried out in the parish of Woolhampton from the village eastwards along the Bath Road to the Rural District Boundary.

This scheme has been approved by the Council and is being submitted to the County Council and the Ministry of Health.

**BRIMPTON COMMON.** As a result of taking 5 Water Samples from Brimpton Common, all of which showed a high degree of pollution, an agreement has been reached with the owners of the 14 houses concerned for the laying of a main to serve these properties.

This scheme is also being submitted to the County Council and the Ministry of Health.

**BOXFORD REGIONAL WATER SCHEME.** The Boxford Regional Water Scheme reached a stage further during the year, tenders were invited and a Contractor has been appointed to carry out the work.

The starting date for the works was December, 1950, and it is hoped by the end of 1951 the major part of the new works will have been completed.

### **WATER SAMPLES.**

Six water samples, other than those included in the above-mentioned Surveys were examined bacteriologically and the appropriate action taken.

### **SEWERAGE.**

**COLD ASH.** The final report from the Consultant Engineers was received by the Council during the year. The scheme was submitted to the Parish Council for their observations. After consideration it was decided by the Rural District Council to submit the scheme to the Ministry with a view to proceeding with the work at an early date.

This scheme covers Cold Ash and Ashmore Green villages and extends as far as Downe House School along the Cold Ash to Hermitage Road.

**EAST THATCHAM.** This scheme, covering Station Road, Lower Way, Turnfields and South of London Road, was completed during the year. Now that the scheme is completed almost all of the populated area of Thatcham parish north of the river Kennet is served by a sewerage scheme.

## FOOD INSPECTION.

### CONDEMNED MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Date	Vendor.	Article and Quantity	Cause of condemnation
12 July	Thatcham Co-op.	One 4½oz. tin Sardines	Blown
12 July	Thatcham Co-op.	Eight 1lb. 3oz. tins peas	Blown
12 July	Thatcham Co-op.	One 1lb. tin peas	Blown
12 July	Thatcham Co-op.	Five 1lb. 4oz. tins plums	Blown
14 July	Cooking Depot, Thatcham	120lbs. sultanas	Mice infested
7 Sept.	Cooking Depot, Thatcham	276lbs. flour	Mice infested
22 Sept.	Wyatts, Butchers Thatcham	94lbs. Fore-quarter beef	Extensive bruising
	Hermitage School Canteen	14lbs. beef	Extensive bruising
22 Nov.	Trotman, Chieveley	51lbs. 3oz. beef	Extensive bruising

(NOTE: This by no means represents the total of unfit food for the Rural District since it is the practice of certain wholesalers to collect bad food from Retailers and bring it back to their premises in the Borough, where it is condemned by bulk by the Borough Inspector.

ICE CREAM LICENCES. Eighteen premises are registered for sale of Ice Cream and two for its manufacture.

Seven premises were inspected prior to granting licences to retail pre-packed ice cream.

CATERING LICENCES. Catering premises, including works canteens, were inspected during the year.

## REFUSE COLLECTION.

A weekly collection of refuse is made throughout the District. Very few complaints were received during the year concerning the collection. The major part of the refuse was disposed of on a tip on Crookham Common.

Strictly controlled tipping is carried out at this tip and at a small tip at Easton where refuse is tipped one day a week during dry weather. The control of tipping by the Local Authority has always been of a particularly high standard and the work of the men painstaking and efficient.

## CARAVAN SITES.

A survey of all the Caravan Sites in the area was made in December, with a view to ensuring that conditions were satisfactory on the sites.

## HOUSING.

COUNCIL HOUSES. During the year 72 new Council Houses were completed. 39 families from temporary hatted dwellings were rehoused. Hermitage Camp of 40 dwellings was handed back to the Military. Occupiers of these huts were either rehoused in new houses or in other

hutted camps. 66 temporary huts are now occupied. 18 temporary dwellings were brought into use at Station Road, Thatcham. Each hut has been provided with a separate sink and a W.C. conveniently placed under cover near the back door. Repairs and improvements were carried out to the huts at Bowdown Grove, Greenham Common and to four other temporary dwellings.

At the end of the year there was a waiting list of 507 families for Council Houses.

A four-year programme of new Council House Building was formulated during the year and six new sites were selected. It is the Council's intention to proceed with the erection of new houses at all possible speed; at present the number of houses the Council is able to build is of course limited by the Ministry.

**SURVEY OF EXISTING HOUSES.** A start was made towards the end of the year on a survey of existing houses; it is anticipated that this survey will be almost completed by the end of 1951.

### FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

#### I.—INSPECTIONS.

Premises	Number on Register	Inspec- tions made	Number of written Notices	Prosecu- tions
1. Factories ...	33	33	6	0
(including workshop laundries)				
2. Workshops ...	34	34	0	0
(including factory laundries)				
3. Workplaces ...	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b> ...	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

#### II.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars.	Found	Remedied	No. of Defects	
			Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness ...	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding ...	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation ...	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient ...	0	0	0	0
(b) Defective ...	6	6	0	0
(c) not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0
Other Offences ...	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b> ...	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S WORK DURING THE YEAR 1950.

No. of	Different premises visited	...	...	...	...	...	1572
"	Inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	1322
"	Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	36
"	Defects or Nuisances discovered	...	...	...	...	...	25
"	Notices served (Informal)	...	...	...	...	...	20
"	Notices served (Statutory)	...	...	...	...	...	—
"	Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	—
"	Defects or Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	37

**PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASES.**

**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)  
DURING THE YEAR.**

Disease	Total Cases Notified				Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	7	—
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	—	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)					—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	6	6
Acute Polioencephalitis					1	—
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	1	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	27	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	4	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	—	—
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	10	—

**TUBERCULOSIS.**

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Resp. M.	Non- Resp. F.	M.	F.	Resp. M.	Non- Resp. F.	M.	F.
0	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
1	—	5	—	—	—	1	—	—
5	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	15	1	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	20	—	—	—	1	—	—
20	—	25	1	1	—	—	—	—
25	—	35	2	1	—	—	—	—
35	—	45	—	1	—	—	—	—
45	—	55	1	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	65	2	—	—	—	2	—
65 & upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	7	3	1	2	2	—	1	1

**FOOD POISONING.**

Outbreaks	Number of Cases	Number of Cases	Organisms	Food Involved
1	10	nil	Unknown	Unknown

# HUNTERFORD RURAL DISTRICT

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

### WATER SUPPLIES.

The public mains supplies serving the District are chlorinated and all samples (7) taken from these have proved satisfactory.

From private supplies 7 samples were taken of which 3 were unsatisfactory. Of the latter, 2 supplies are to be discontinued in favour of public mains supply and the third from an isolated cottage now unoccupied.

### REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The position with regard to frequency of service remains the same and with one vehicle in operation requests for more frequent collection and/or for bins to be collected from rear of premises had to be refused.

The unsatisfactory Lambourn Tip was replaced by one at Eastbury although consolidation and covering at Lambourn still remained to be done.

### SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Difficulty has been experienced in maintaining satisfactory effluent samples from the Hungerford Works and it is anticipated that replacement of the filter beds cannot long be delayed.

Expectation of completion of the new scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal at Kintbury was not fulfilled during the year.

At long last the Lambourn Valley Scheme received the Ministry's full approval to commence and tenders for the Scheme were received at the end of the year.

### SCHOOLS.

Sanitary arrangements remain as in previous years, that is, below satisfactory standard in the majority.

### RODENT CONTROL.

The Joint Committee Scheme operated throughout the year with satisfactory results as follows:—

			Total	Business	Others
Premises visited	...	...	943	33	910
Rat Infestations treated	...	...	336	18	318
Mice Infestations treated	...	...	18	2	16
Rats destroyed—Estimate	...	...	2220	360	1860

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of cases of Infectious Disease notified was 61, a decrease of 234. Terminal disinfection was carried out when necessary.

### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Joint inspections were made with the Fire Prevention Officers as to means of escape in case of Fire and, following the alterations required, certificates were issued in 5 cases.

### FOOD HANDLING.

The Council adopted Byelaws with regard to the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and the Sale of Food in the Open Air, in April, 1950.

## CONDEMNED FOODS.

The following were inspected, condemned and voluntarily surrendered during the year:—

### MEAT.

85 lbs. Beef.	13½ lbs. Corned Beef.
42 lbs. Ham.	6 lbs. Corned Mutton.
8 Tins Pork Meat.	1 Tin Sausages.

### FISH.

6 Tins Salmon.	10 Tins Sardines.
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### FRUIT.

45 Tins Plums.	2 Tins Apples.
1 Tin Strawberries.	

### MILK.

46 Tins Milk.
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### OTHER FOODS.

8 Tins Beans.	1 Tin Peas.
10 Tins Tomatoes.	1 Tin Tomato Puree.
2 Tins Gherkins.	2 Tins Jam.
3 Xmas Puddings.	2 Jellies.
1 Tin Paste.	

### METHOD OF DISPOSAL.

The fresh meat condemned as unfit for human consumption was returned to the Area Allocation Officer at Newbury. All tinned meats are destroyed together with other condemned foods.

## CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS.

The Ministry of Food issued more licences to allow of these but in every case inspection under the Food and Drugs Act was carried out before licensing and any necessary action taken.

### SALE OF ICE CREAM.

Registration of premises increased during the year for the sale of ice cream and now number 27. There are no manufacturers in the area.

Samples taken: 3. Grade I — 1. Grade II — 2.

### BAKEHOUSES.

Regular routine inspections were carried out in the Bakehouses throughout the District and all necessary action taken.

### SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

All killing was carried out in the centralized slaughterhouses under the Ministry of Food, except pigs and emergency killing of other animals which was in 2 Registered Slaughterhouses in the District.

### HOUSING.

Again steady progress was made during the year so that by the end the Council had 140 houses completed and occupied since 1945 with 30 under construction. The privately erected ones were 38 completed and 3 under construction.

### Number of Dwellings Built:—

(1) By Local Authorities	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
(2) By Private Persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	12

## GENERAL WORK DURING 1950.

### Action under the Housing Acts excluding Factories Acts.

No. of Different Premises visited	...	...	...	...	...	...	235
„ Inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	...	291
„ Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
„ Defects or Nuisances discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
„ Notices served — Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
„ Notices served — Statutory	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
„ Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

### FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

#### I.—INSPECTIONS.

Premises	Number on Register	Inspec- tions made	Number of written Notices	Prosecu- tions
1. Factories ... (including factory laundries)	26	18	0	0
2. Workshops ... (including workshop laundries)	37	19	0	0
3. Workplaces ...	0	0	0	0
Total ...	63	37	0	0

#### II.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars.	Found	Remedied	No. of Defects Referred to H.M. Inspector	No. of Defects Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness	... 1	1	0	0
Overcrowding	... 0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation	... 0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient	... 0	0	0	0
(b) Defective	... 2	2	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0
Other offences	... 0	0	0	0
Total ...	3	3	0	0

**PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.**

**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)  
DURING THE YEAR.**

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	24	17	—
Erysipelas	2	—	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	2	2	1
Acute Polioencephalitis	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia	—	—	—
Measles	23	—	—
Whooping Cough	4	1	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	2	—	—

**TUBERCULOSIS.**

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	5	1	1	—	—	—	—
5	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	15	1	—	1	—	—	—
15	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	25	—	—	1	—	—	—
25	—	35	1	3	—	—	—	—
35	—	45	1	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	55	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	65	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	4	4	2	—	—	—	—	—

**FOOD POISONING.**

Outbreaks	Number of Cases	Number of Deaths	Organisms	Food Involved
1	1	nil	Sal. Enter.	Unknown
1	1	nil	Sal. Typ. Mur.	Mince

# BRADFIELD RURAL DISTRICT

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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

### WATER.

Locations of Extensions.	Length in Yards.
MID-WESSEX WATER COMPANY.	
Burghfield:	
Housing Site, Clayhill Road ...	248 yds. 4in. main.
Beenham:	
Housing Site, The Stocks ...	198 yds. 4in. main.
Frilsham:	
To Pot Kiln	530 yds. 4in. main.
READING WATER DEPT.	
Pangbourne:	
Bourne Road	221 yds.
Tilehurst:	
Langley Hill	79 yds.

Water samples taken for analysis, 20. The majority were satisfactory.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

There were no extensions or new undertakings during the year.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SCHEME.

The collection and disposal of refuse and the collection of salvage was carried out satisfactorily during the year.

### CAMPING SITES.

Individual licences for the year were issued in respect of 126 moveable dwellings.

**PURLEY PARK RIVER ESTATE.** This problem, referred to in previous reports, is still under consideration.

Estimated number of campers 380.

### SHOPS AND OFFICES.

During the year 30 inspections of shops were made.

In no case was it found necessary to take action in respect of ventilation, temperature or sanitary conveniences.

### SCHOOLS.

Improvements to sanitation, etc.:

Pangbourne C. of E. School: Extension to Kitchen.

### INSPECTION OF OTHER FOODS THAN MEAT.

Sixty inspections of catering establishments were made and a satisfactory standard of cleanliness was found.

Fifteen certificates were issued in respect of various tinned foods.

## BAKEHOUSES.

Number in District: 14. No. of Inspections: 14.

## HOUSING.

Number of new dwellinghouses built:

(1) by Local Authority: 84.

(2) by Private Persons: 11 traditional houses and 27 units of accommodation provided by conversion.

## MILK.

During 1950, the Local Authority authorised licences to 12 retailers to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk. Four of these were supplementary licences.

Licences issued to retailers to sell pasteurised milk within the district were as follows: two supplementary, one dealer.

Eleven samples of milk were examined on behalf of the Local Authority for the presence or absence of tubercle bacilli. The results were negative in each case.

## ICE CREAM.

Number of premises on Register: 33.

Ice Cream is manufactured at two premises and pre-packed ice cream is sold from the remaining 31 premises on the register.

The two persons who are registered for the manufacture of ice cream were not making when visited for sampling.

## HUTTED CAMPS.

A report on the above was submitted by the M.O.H. to the Housing Committee.

The following gives their position and number of occupants. There are approximately 118 families so housed, and about £28,000 has been spent so far on these huts by the Authority.

### Sunnyside Camp, Burghfield.

Total number of huts	...	...	...	...	...	48
Total number of occupants	...	...	...	...	...	204
Occupants over 65 years	...	...	...	...	...	8
Occupants under 16 years	...	...	...	...	...	83

### Bucklebury Camp.

Total number of huts	...	...	...	...	...	38
Total number of occupants	...	...	...	...	...	161
Occupants over 65 years	...	...	...	...	...	4
Occupants under 16 years	...	...	...	...	...	79

### Burnt Hill Camp, Yattendon.

Total number of huts	...	...	...	...	...	32
Total number of occupants	...	...	...	...	...	129
Occupants over 65 years	...	...	...	...	...	3
Occupants under 16 years	...	...	...	...	...	59

## FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

### I.—INSPECTIONS.

Premises	Number on Register	Inspec- tions made	Number of written Notices	Prosecu- tions
1. Factories (including factory laundries)	33	22	0	0
2. Workshops (including workshop laundries)	54	25	0	0
3. Workplaces	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### II.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars.	Found	Remedied	No. of Defects	
			Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient	2	2	2	0
(b) Defective	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0
Other offences	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

### SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S WORK

### DURING THE YEAR 1950.

No. of Different premises visited	...	...	...	...	...	1590
,, Inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	2840
,, Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	50
,, Defects or Nuisances discovered	...	...	...	...	...	30
,, Notices served (Informal)	...	...	...	...	...	11
,, Notices served (Statutory)	...	...	...	...	...	4
,, Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	0
,, Defects or Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	27

**PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASES.**

**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)  
DURING THE YEAR.**

Disease	Total Cases Notified				Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	11	3
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	4	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	2	2
Acute Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	2	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	55	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	23	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	22	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	—	—
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	1	—

**TUBERCULOSIS.**

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Resp. M.	Non- Resp. F.	M.	F.	Resp. M.	Non- Resp. F.	M.	F.
0	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	1
5	—	10	1	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	25	1	1	—	—	—	1
25	—	35	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	45	2	1	—	—	—	—
45	—	55	4	1	—	—	—	—
55	—	65	1	—	—	1	—	1
65 & upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	—	1	1	1	1	2

**FOOD POISONING.**

Outbreaks	Number of Cases	Number of Deaths	Organisms	Food Involved
1	1	nil	Unknown	Unknown





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